



***Town of Discovery Bay  
A California Community Services District  
"Friday Letter"  
To the Board of Directors  
September 11, 2015***

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

**General Manager/Administration:**

- ✓ September 11 will forever be known as the date the United States changed forever. Fourteen years ago, the terrorist attacks shook our country and the world. "14 years after the terrorist attacks of 9/11, we honor those we lost. We salute all who serve to keep us safe. We stand as strong as ever." ~ President Obama
- ✓ It is with sadness that I have to notify you that we lost an employee of the Town this past Sunday afternoon. Sharon Butler, our long time senior lifeguard, had ended her Sunday shift at the Community Center pool and was riding her bike home to Brentwood. She was travelling on Balfour near Sellers when she was hit and killed by a suspected drunk driver. Please join us as we mourn the loss of one of our own, and offer our condolences to Sharon's family. Funeral services are taking place in her home state of Rhode Island. Once the family returns to California we will send flowers on behalf of the Town, the Board and the staff.
- ✓ On Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 10am, I received a call from Veolia notifying me that we had an SSO on Brookhaven Circle in the Lakes subdivision. Veolia arrived on site and addressed the situation with adequate resources. Veolia estimated the entire spill to be 150 gallons. The spill did not reach Delta waters and everything was contained, cleaned up and disinfected within 3 hours. Once I receive the incident report from Veolia I will be able to provide additional information. The cause of the spill, however, was construction debris that had been deposited into our sanitary sewer system. As soon as the incident is closed out Kiper Homes will be notified of any liability they may have.



- ✓ On a related note, Kiper Homes pulled 13 water and sewer permits for new home construction.
- ✓ This morning, the management team spent four hours in a Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and Incident Command Systems (ICS) training session. This training, along with the Emergency Operations Plan which will follow, will bring the Town into compliance with state and federal emergency operations procedures. I will be scheduling a Board workshop on this subject in the next 60 days in order to be able to provide you with an overview of the SEMS and ICS programs and how they relate to the Town. With the likelihood of a strong El Niño anticipated this winter, this training could not have come at a better time.



- ✓ This past Tuesday I made a presentation to LAFCO regarding our water conservation efforts. The presentation was well received by the Commission and they gave positive feedback to our education and outreach programs. President Steele also attended the meeting.
- ✓ Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> is the scheduled date for the tie-in of the new oxidation ditch and clarifier. This will be a big day for us as it culminates an overall \$14.0M capital work program.
- ✓ The Fall Activity Guide should be in mailboxes this weekend.

**Important Dates:**

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- Lions Club Car Show at the Community Center – Saturday, September 12, 10am – 3:30pm
- Some Gave All Golf Tournament at the DB Country Club – Monday, September 14, 9am
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m.
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m.